

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias

COMMON NAME

Wulfen spurge

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Herbs other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

Mediterranean, Portugal

ETYMOLOGY

euphorbia: After Euphorbus, a Greek physician who served King Juba of Numidia in 12BC. Juba named a cactus to honour Euphorbus and later Linnaeus named the entire genus after the physician.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-characias-subsp-characias/>



Seedlings. Newtown, Wellington. Jun 2009.
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